

High Schools That Work/Making Middle Grades Work December 2006 Updates

Hard to believe we're in our 4th month of school – and Christmas is almost here! Think this has to go on record as being one of the busiest Falls yet! We have many new programs up and going. Training sessions for Teachers As Advisors will be offered in January and February, as well as additional training for Youth Internship programs. Please take special note of the **Refresher Site Development Workshop** set for January 29 and 30 in Mitchell. Watch for details on these to follow soon!

Upcoming Events

January 17	Teachers As Advisors	Sioux Falls
January 18	HSTW Network Meeting	DDN
January 24	Teachers As Advisors	Rapid City
January 29 and 30	Refresher Site Development Workshop	Mitchell
January 31	Teachers As Advisors	Watertown
February 7	Teachers As Advisors	Mitchell
February 15	Senior Project Workshop	Sioux Falls

Report Forms

Another reminder! If you have not done so, please send me the following report forms asap!

Great Plains Foundation Grant Recipients – Budget Form and Action Plan

Senate Bill 168 Grant Recipients – Budget Form and Action Plan

New HSTW Schools – Three Year Action Plans

Refresher Site Development Workshop

The **Refresher Site Development Workshop** is set for January 29 and 30 in Mitchell. This is for all HSTW/MMGW schools who want a chance to revisit their goals and prioritize according to the key practices of both programs. Take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect, set goals and learn more about HSTW/MMGW. Please let me know by January 12 if your school plans to attend---and how many will be coming.

Best Practices Website

We are in the process of development a best practices website, where you can enter your best practices as far as HSTW/MMGW strategies and also learn more about what other schools are doing. We're hoping to have this site up and running yet this month!

Technical Assistance Site Visits

Here's the schedule to date for Technical Assistance Site Visits (TAV). If you haven't yet visited with me about a date for the TAV or Technical Review Visit (TR), please call me this asap.

Burke
Baltic

April 2-4
November 13-15

Bridgewater	February 5-7
Chester	November 6-7
LAMD/Watertown	December 6-8
Madison	October 31-November 1
Sanborn Central	November 27-29
Sturgis Middle	March Date TBA
Sturgis High	November 13-14
Timber Lake	November 13-15
Wessington Springs	October 17-19
Tea	December 12 – 14
Tri-Valley	March 19-21

Many of the visits have been completed---and report forms sent out. I will be visiting with you soon (if I haven't already) about a post-meeting/workshop.

Summer Conference

Mark these dates on your calendar – **July 29 – August 3**. The **2nd Annual Career Technical Conference** will be held on the dates in Pierre. This joint conference, sponsored by the Office of Career and Technical Education will also include: HSTW, MMGW, Tech Prep, and the state Association for Career and Technical Education.

Resources

Best Practices Newsletters

Blending CTE Programs with An Academic Core Makes Learning More Meaningful –

Vermillion is one of the schools featured in this article!

http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2006Pubs/06V64w_ct_programs_objective5.pdf

Raising Students to Proficiency

http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2006Pubs/06V66w_raising_to_proficiency_objective1.pdf

Students Need Strong Guidance and Advisement in Order to Achieve

http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2006Pubs/06V52w_guidance_and_advisement_objective4.pdf